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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATION OF WARTIME COLLOCATED BASE (COB) RIGHTS
AGREEMENT WITH THE NETHERLANDS

REF: THE HAGUE 2954

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION AT RECEPTION JUNE 13 HONORING
DEPARTING AND ARRIVING MAAG CHIEFS, POLCOUNS HAD OPPORTUNITY
RAISE STALEMATED COB NEGOTIATIONS WITH GEN. KNOOP, CHIEF OF
STAFF, RNLAFF.

2. KNOOP, NOTING HIS OWN DEDICATION TO COB CONCEPT, STATED
RNLAFF HAD MADE MAJOR EFFORT TO CONVINCE MOD VREDELING OF NEED
FOR GON TO AGREE TO CONCEPT. KNOOP SAID NOTE WHICH EMBASSY HAD
RECEIVED FROM MFA (THE HAGUE 2133 AND 2247) WAS NOT JUST
PERFUNCTORY RESPONSE TO US REQUEST FOR COOPERATION RE PREFIN-
ANCING OF COB SHELTERS, ETC. BUT CONSTITUTED GON COMMITMENT TO
MAKE COBS AVAILABLE.

3. KNOOP EMPHASIZED THAT ONLY STICKING POINT IN NEGOTIATING
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FORMAL US-GON AGREEMENT RE COBS WAS THAT IT NOT REPEAT NOT ENTAIL

ANY EXPENSE TO DUTCH FOR FACILITIES WHICH WILL BE CREATED OR MAINTAINED SOLELY FOR US USE. HE SAID TECHNICAL DETAILS IN THIS REGARD SHOULD BE EASILY CLARIFIED, AND READILY ACKNOWLEDGED ADVANTAGE OF HAVING NATO INFRASTRUCTURE - FINANCED SHELTERS AVAILABLE FOR RNLAf AIRCRAFT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY MIGHT BE REQUIRED FOR EMERGENCY USE BY USAF RAPID REACTORS.

4. KNOOP WAS PROUD OF FACT RNLAf HAD SUCCEEDED - WITH MAJOR ASSISTANCE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY - IN PERSUADING LABORITE VREDELING OF THE BONA FIDES OF COB REQUIREMENT.
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